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SUBJECT: SADAT'S PARTY ACHIEVES MAJORITY

1. NEW MAJORITY. PRESS, AUGUST 14, ANNOUNCED THAT 230 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT HAVE APPLIED TO JOIN SADAT'S NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (NDP), THUS ASSURING IT OF HEAVY MAJORITY IN PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. LIST OF APPLICANTS READS VERY SIMILARLY TO ROSTER OF SALEM'S CENTER PARTY. IN FACT, CENTER PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 13 TO ANNOUNCE ITS DISSOLUTION AND HOPES FOR MERGER WITH NDP. ASIDE FROM MP'S, PRESS LISTS PROMINENT TRADE UNION LEADERS, PROFESSORS, RELIGIOUS FIGURES, FILM STARS AND UNIVERSITY RECTORS AMONG PARTY'S FOUNDING MEMBERS.

2. SPEECH. SADAT IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS CONSTITUENT COMMITTEE EVENING AUGUST 14, OUTLINING HIS PLANS FOR PARTY ACTIVITIES. PAPERS HAVE LITTLE SUBSTANCE ON THE SUBJECTS THE PRESIDENT IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS.

3. EDITORIALS. EDITORIALY, ALL PAPERS TAKE SAME LINE, NOTING THE COINCIDENCE OF SADAT'S SPEECH WITH ANNIVER-
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SARY OF RAMADAN 10 SUEZ CROSSING. PAPERS UNANIMOUSLY SUGGEST THAT LAUNCHING THE NEW PARTY WILL BE THE POLITICAL EQUIVALENT OF MILITARY VICTORY. ELITS

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